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## IMPROVED

**But Room For Improvements Still Is Ireland's Condition.**

**Rev. Father O'Connor Is Home After Safe Voyage From Europe.**

**Saw Rome, Pope Pius and the Land of His Irish Ancestors.**

## INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS BETTER

The Rev. Father John T. O'Connor, pastor of Holy Name church, South Louisville, returned from his European trip last Saturday night and celebrated mass in his church Sunday morning. The members of his parish were surprised because they did not know he was on his way home. His sister, Miss Margaret, who accompanied him on his pilgrimage to Rome, returned with him. The trip seems to have improved the health of Father O'Connor and his sister.

They were members of a party of between 200 and 300 Catholics, many of them priests, that visited Rome, Switzerland, France, England and Ireland. The pilgrim party was fourteen days on the Atlantic ocean from New York to Rome, but enjoyed every hour and day of the trip. After paying their respects to the White Shepherd of Rome, Pius X., and visiting points of interest in the Eternal City, the American pilgrims visited Lucerne, Switzerland, Paris, London and Ireland. While in France Father O'Connor, Miss Margaret O'Connor and Mrs. Dr. P. S. Ganz, the three Kentuckians in the party, made a visit to Lourdes.

The pilgrims' tour ended with a week in Ireland, but Father O'Connor and his sister remained in the Emerald Isle two weeks longer. They spent little time in the larger cities, but they saw a great deal of the country and of the people. Father O'Connor's father was born in the County Limerick, his mother in Kerry. Between the two counties he spent a good part of the three weeks.

"Not now, not now," said Father O'Connor when asked to talk about his trip. "Let me collect my thoughts. Come some other day after I have realized the beauty and grandeur of all I have seen. Well, if you want to know something I can tell you this: Ireland is a beautiful country. Not the dull, faded green kind, but the green you see in wheat when it is springing up. The people, it is useless to tell you, are kindly and hospitable. Their conditions are better than formerly and many own their land now. In the County Kerry there remains but one landlord. He is willing to sell, but Premier Asquith says he has no more funds with which to buy.

"I found all Europe suffering from the burden of taxation. The Irish people pay twenty-five cents on the dollar valuation. Think of that! The people are doing the best they can and are now striving to secure new industries. The dairy business has already begun to prosper. Some years ago a Manchester syndicate established a series of dairies in Ireland for the manufacture of butter for sale in England. They got the butter all right, but the prices paid were not satisfactory to the Irish producers. They started their own dairies, and now the city of Cork has the finest butter market in the world. Ireland's greatest competitors in the dairy line now are the Danes. The roads are filled with donkey carts carrying milk to the various dairies in the morning, and the Irish producers' milk expert chemists to analyze the milk and butter. Ireland is better for grazing than for agricultural purposes, because there is so much rain that the crops rot before they can be harvested.

"No, I did not kiss the Blarney stone, but I looked at it. I was at Abbeyleary in Limerick, Tralee and Ballyferret in Kerry; saw their schools, met the priests and admired the churches. An absentee landlord built a Protestant church at Ballyferret just for spite. It had no communicants and while I was over there it was sold under the hammer to a blacksmith, a real 'Kerry Gow.' "Another thing I noticed in Ireland was the number of Germans and Italians. They go to Ireland to learn the English language. When they get back home they get double wages as barbers and waiters in hotels or restaurants because they can speak English. Most of them speak it with a good Cork accent, too.

"Some other time I might say more but not now," said Father O'Connor.

## ANOTHER CATHOLIC DIGNITARY.

The appointment of Charles Murphy, R. C., of Ottawa, to the position of Secretary of State, vice Honorable R. W. Scott, is a very happy choice indeed. For some time it has been urged that there should be better Irish Catholic representation. Mr. Murphy, who is a very clever lawyer, is possessed of a most genial kindly manner, which together with his executive ability makes it certain that no better choice could have been made.

## CATHOLIC INDIANS.

A fact not commonly known is that Wisconsin has a considerable Indian population. We are accustomed to associate the Indian missions with the Far West, but Wisconsin has its good ones. There are over 4,000 Indians in Wisconsin.

consin, with sixteen churches, eight priests and seven schools. The largest part of Wisconsin's Indian population is in the diocese of Superior. The Catholic Indians, under charge of Bishop Schinner, number 2,676. There are sixteen Indian missions in the diocese—Lac du Flambeau, two; Odanah, which has a day school with 194 pupils; Buffalo Bay, La Pointe, Pakewang, Courtes Oreilles, Flambeau. In the Green Bay diocese are 1,400 Catholic Indians. At Keshena is located St. Joseph's Industrial Boarding School for Indians, with 200 Indian pupils. At this place is also the Menominee Indian hospital in which 180 patients were cared for last year.

## INSULT TO IRISH

**Will Not Be Forgotten If G. W. Smith Becomes Candidate.**

Senator-elect William O. Bradley opened the campaign for W. H. Taft, the Republican nominee for President of the United States, at the Coliseum on Friday night of last week. The attendance was larger than at the one that greeted Leclie Shaw a week or ten days before, but he it remembered that there were many Democrats, Irish and German-American Democrats, who went to the meeting to honor former Gov. Bradley and to hear the other side of the question. To his credit, he it said, Senator Bradley was not abusive either of Bryan or of the Democratic party. But his speech lacked the ginger that the Senator usually injects into his campaigns. It was argumentative throughout, but the sorriest representative that the Democrats have on the stump could have torn his argument into shreds.

Before the Senator addressed the audience speeches were made by Attorneys George Weissinger Smith, Charles Ogden and Nat C. Cureton. Mr. Smith proved to be a Taft Burchard. Burchard ruined Blaine's chances with his talk on "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion." George "Unwisener" Smith did worse. He coupled the names of McGovern, Mr. Conner, Mack and Bryan in such a manner as to make his address not only offensive but positively insulting to the Irish-Americans in the audience. They will not forget it if Mr. Smith ever enters his name for public office.

## CARRIERS PROTEST.

**Say Meeting Was Regular and Democrats Were Promoted.**

Messrs. Daniel W. Cuniff, Henry Seibel and J. C. Groves, a committee from the Falls City Branch of the Letter Carriers' Union, No. 14, waited on the Kentucky Irish American Tuesday afternoon and presented a communication denouncing the article regarding the Louisville letter carriers that appeared last week and characterized it as a falsehood. They admitted that the meeting was held, that Postmaster Woods was present and made an address promising an increase of salaries for more carriers. They insist that the Kentucky Irish American is in error in stating that no Democrats had been promoted to the \$1,200 class, and also in calling the meeting referred to special instead of regular. The Kentucky Irish American has not now, nor has it ever had, any personal or political grievances against Postmaster Woods or the carriers, and in the publication referred to was actuated only by a desire to prevent the assessment from any quarter of the latter for campaign purposes.

## SOCIAL SESSION.

**Division 3 Will Celebrate Its Twenty-fourth Birthday.**

Division 3, A. O. H., held an enthusiastic meeting on Thursday night of last week. Routine business was quickly disposed of, but a rousing line of talk along patriotic lines followed. President Patrick T. Sullivan presided and the delegates to the County Board for their wisdom in selecting County officers like P. J. Welsh and D. J. Coleman, and also for the selection of Patrick Holley as Division Deputy.

## FATHER BAX SAILS.

Very Rev. Father Lawrence Bax, rector emeritus of St. John's parish, left Louisville on Thursday of last week and sailed from New York for Holland on the steamer Staatendorp Tuesday of this week. He is accompanied abroad by his niece, Miss Dymphna Veeneman. His nephew, Lawrence Veeneman, accompanied him to New York. His many friends wish him a safe voyage and a speedy return.

## GOLDEN JUBILEE.

St. Francis College, Cincinnati, celebrated its fiftieth year with a triduum, beginning Monday of this week. The Rev. Father Peter Englert, O. F. M., of St. Boniface church, celebrated the mass on Monday. The Rev. Father Chrysostom Theobald, who was formerly located at St. Boniface church, preached the sermon.

## BLUE LAWS

**In England That Place the Catholics at a Great Disadvantage.**

**Adherents of the Pope Can Not Own Horse Worth Much.**

**British Hypocrisy Has the Entire Civilized World Aroused.**

## BARRED FROM HIGH OFFICES

English hypocrisy is getting itself thoroughly disliked. Even the Chicago Tribune, a hitherto prof-British paper, calls attention to many abuses from which the Catholics suffer. Between the way alien athletes were treated at the Olympian games, and the str that was caused when Premier Asquith offered an insult to the Eucharistic Congress, worldwide public opinion is being aroused against England.

The Chicago Tribune on last Sunday printed the following special correspondence: "Attention has been focused here upon the many ridiculous laws against Catholics which still exist on the statute books and which rival in absurdity the famous 'blue laws' of New England by the recent Government action upon the carrying of the host through London streets at the conclusion of the Eucharistic Congress. Although many of the most obnoxious 'disabilities' under which Catholics smarted years ago were repealed when the act of Catholic emancipation went into effect in 1829, a number of petty persecutions still remain in force.

The great majority of them are obsolete, and no one would dream of attempting to enforce them, but it is pointed out that practically the same thing held true of the law which prohibited a Catholic ceremonial parade in the public streets until the Eucharistic controversy resurrected it out of the hoary past. Influential Catholics are determined to be on the safe side hereafter, and will appeal to Parliament when it reconvenes to repeal the laws which place them at a disadvantage.

One of the most extraordinary of the Catholic 'disabilities' is that which makes it unlawful for a Catholic to possess a horse valued at more than \$25. Anyone can seize a Catholic's horse, and by simply offering the owner \$25 may make off with the property. Even the Derby winner would have to be parted with by its owner, and the latter a Catholic, as was the case this year.

With reference to the marriage laws, some curious statutes still exist. For instance, according to an act passed in the time of King William III., any Protestant woman having an estate in land vest in her husband a declaration before a Magistrate that her husband was a 'known Protestant,' may suffer the forfeiture of her estate to the next Protestant heir. This curious law is never complied with in these days, simply because no one considers it still to be in force.

Another obsolete law is that all Catholic places of worship in England today must be certified before a registrar, and there is also an old statute which forbids Catholics holding meetings with locked doors. This was originally intended to prevent 'secret plotting,' but few Catholic places of worship of modern times comply with these conditions. Though the doors are not locked, none of these places ever considers it necessary to 'register' in accordance with the law. Another law still in force against Catholics is that they are not to hold office in certain schools. Several of the schools mentioned in the statute have been taken over by Roman Catholics as teachers in certain departments of science.

One law which bears heavily on Catholics of the present day in England is that which requires them to pay 'tithes.' This form of taxation is for the express purpose of supporting the established State church of England. Catholics are not exempt from tithes, and every year large amounts are collected from them in order to maintain an opposition denomination.

Even today in England, though Catholics have full civic liberty, two posts of high honor are closed to them. This is the Lord Chancellorship of England and the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. This question of the Lord Chancellorship was prominent during the lifetime of the late Lord Russell of Killowen, who was universally recognized as the man most fitted for the post, but he was said to be 'disqualified' owing to the fact that he held the Catholic faith.

## ENGLISH NERVE.

The cable last Saturday brought the information that J. C. Carpenter, of the American Athletic team at the recent Olympian races, had been permanently suspended by a committee of the Amateur Athletic Association which met in Birmingham, England. Carter, it will be remembered, defeated Haswell, the champion English runner, and the Britishers raised a cry of foul. The Americans declined to run the race over on the following day.

## DONOVAN'S CHANCE.

Frank Donovan, who is studying law in this city, has been notified of his selection as alternate for an appointment to West Point from the

First Kentucky district. His elder brother, graduated from West Point with honors this year, and it may be that Frank will follow in his footsteps. The father, Col. John T. Donovan, of Paducah, is one of the best railroad men, best Knights of Columbus and best Irish-Americans in the world. He would be proud to see all his sons enter the service of the United States army if the necessary contingency ever arises.

## REASONS WHY

**Ireland Was Long Under Rule of Propaganda at Rome.**

Writing in the Seven Hills Magazine, the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Riordan makes plain some points regarding Irish interests in the new constitution of the Roman Curia. He declares that the Propaganda was established or primarily designed to serve as the Congregation charged with the dissemination of the faith in Pagan lands. How did Ireland come within its sway?

Monsignor O'Riordan points out that Ireland, although always a pre-eminently Catholic country, came under Propaganda because of England. England placed an obstacle to its free and regular communication with Rome, and although it has never ceased to preserve its hierarchy, in fact, the poverty to which the Church in Ireland was reduced by spoliation, and in general the Catholics of Ireland by confiscation, left it, in all that belongs to the temporal and the external, in the position of a missionary country. Necessarily, neither of its own, or Rome's creation, made it seek refuge in the Congregation of Propaganda, which transacted business according to the circumstances of each case. Practically the only difference which the constitution of the Curia makes will be that the Irish Bishops or others having business to transact of a kind treated of by two or more congregations will be obliged to apply to each one separately, instead of making a single application to the Propaganda.

## APPEAL ANSWERED.

**St. Anthony Quick to Respond to Bishop Colton's Prayer.**

Writing of the trip of the chapel car through the East, Rev. W. D. O'Brien, who accompanied it, relates this anecdote in Extension:

At Rochester the car was advantageously located at a point where all the visitors to the city would have to see it. Among the distinguished visitors who came at this point were Archbishop Quigley, Bishops Colton, of Buffalo; Cusack, Auxiliary Bishop of New York; Van de Vyver, of Richmond; Allen, of Mobile, and Monsignor Lavelle. Bishop Colton's expressions of approval were especially gratifying. "But," he remarked, "this would like very much if St. Anthony did something for me." He stated that he had left his breviary in the train that morning and he would be very glad if St. Anthony would find it for him. St. Anthony has been put to many tests, but indeed few so exacting. Imagine good Bishop Colton's surprise and amazement when upon the instant a breviary was handed him with the question: "Will this do?" "Where did you get it?" he exclaimed. "St. Anthony brought it here this morning," was the reply, and insist as he would the good Bishop of Buffalo could elicit no further information. The conductor of the train on which the Bishop rode picked up the breviary from the morning and brought it to the chapel car, saying: "One of those middle-aged gentlemen, wearing a red necktie, left this back in the train and perhaps you may be able to locate him."

## WELL PLEASED

**Were Members of Division 1 With Evening's Receipts.**

President John M. Mulloy presided over a fairly well attended meeting of Division 1, A. O. H., Tuesday evening. The receipts in the way of dues were excellent, and besides the treasury was increased by \$75 from the new recruits. A communication from County President Patrick J. Welsh was read, in which he announced the appointment of James P. Barry as Division Deputy.

John Shaughnessy was reported still ill and his condition unchanged. Dan Sullivan was also reported ill. Charles J. Finegan reported that the sale of tickets for the euchar was progressing and that indications promised a large crowd. The rest of the evening was occupied with the transaction of routine affairs, and an interesting discussion that indicates much activity during the winter months.

## GOOD RACING.

Sunny skies and good racing were the features at Douglas Park during the past week, and the attendance has been very encouraging to the management, while the class of horses running will compare favorably with any in the country. The banner day of the past week was Military day on Thursday, which drew the largest crowd of the meeting. The public is taking more and more kindly to the pari-mutuel betting machines and it is doubtful if any of the regular patrons would want them replaced with the old system of bookmaking. This afternoon's programme has several good events both from a racing and speculative view.

## UNION MEN

**And Union Labor Are Not in Love With the Present Administration.**

**Horseshoeing Jobs Turned Over to the Non-Union Shops.**

**Lieut. Foster Entertained, But Regular Army Men Have Opinions.**

## REGISTRATION DEPLETES OFFICE

The Republican party poses as the friend of the workingman, but in what way does it carry out its promises? Something over a year ago James E. Roberts, now Bailiff of the Police Court, was President of the Horseshoer's Union and went out on strike with his confreres because of some grievance against the employers. As a union man Mr. Roberts was nominated for Bailiff by the Republicans and was elected.

Previous to that time the horses used by the city in the police, fire, street cleaning and other departments were shod by union horseshoers. Since the advent of Mayor Grinstead and Bailiff Roberts non-union shops are getting all this work. If you are inclined to doubt this call on the City Auditor or City Comptroller and look at the vouchers for the past ten months.

What was the matter that the elevators at the County Court House were not in operation Tuesday and Wednesday. Rumor has it that the elevator attendants were engaged at the polls as election officers. Is that true, Judge Montgomery? It is not a fact that many of the city and county offices were depleted on registration days because their employees were at the polls? It was the Republican contention that was missing. The taxpayers pay the salaries of their servants and pay them over again as registration officers, but what does salary amount to among Republicans and Reformers?

Joe Lawton, the Mayor's law clerk and prosecutor-in-chief of Councilman John L. Bickelton, was Sheriff at the Eighth precinct of the Eighth ward Tuesday and Wednesday. He draws salary as Mayor Grinstead's law clerk, and it is supposed he will be paid for his services as Sheriff of the registration. That is one specific case.

Thomas Watkins, formerly in this grocery business, was elected as Councilman to succeed Councilman Edelen this week. It is understood that Mr. Edelen has been promised a job as policeman if he would get out. This is the same Watkins who was quite active in politics in the old A. P. A. times of fifteen years ago. Mr. Watkins, it is said, has not changed his opinions any.

Can anybody tell why the Board of Public Safety reduced Lieut. Cunningham to the rank of patrolman? If any reason was assigned it has not been made public. Lieut. Robert J. Foster was host at a dinner for some of the United States regular soldiers who were here to attend the tournament. The regulars have to say about Foster's career in the army was not news to many. It simply verified former statements of the Kentucky Irish American about the "bottled" of Foster. Every regular United States army soldier has his opinion of the "bottled" man.

## RUMORS RIFE

**As to Probable Successor as Head of Catholic University.**

The American Catholic University, at Washington, D. C., opened for the fall scholastic term last Monday. Albert College, formerly Keane Hall, is the latest affiliation. Albert College will hereafter be devoted to undergraduate students, both as living quarters and school rooms, the professors having residence elsewhere.

The six years' term of Bishop O'Connell as rector of the university will expire in April, and rumors are rife as to his successor. There is no doubt that higher honors await the Bishop. Among those named for his probable successor are Bishop John Carroll, of Helena, Mont.; Rev. Father D. J. Flynn, President of Mount Saint Mary's Emmittsburg, Md., and a former Louisville boy; Monsignor Lavelle, New York; Father Nevill Francis Fisher, of Philadelphia; Rev. Dr. Edmund Shanahan, of the Catholic University, and Rev. Dr. John Talbot Smith, of New York.

## PADUCAH KNIGHTS.

Col. John T. Donovan, Grand Knight of Paducah Council, Knights of Columbus, and General Agent of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, headed the Paducah Council jubilee team that exemplified the third degree here Wednesday night. In his party were Fred H. Flannigan, Francis B. Hagerty, Harry S. Kiely, Morton Hand, Dr. B. L. Bradley, Joseph L. Wolf, J. T. Petty, Dr. B. L. Bradley and Frank Donovan.

## LONDON'S CATHOLIC MAYOR.

After a lapse of fifteen years London will again have in November a Catholic Lord Mayor in the person of Sir John Stuart Knill, Bart., Alderman of the Bridge ward, who stands next in succession for the office. The

last Catholic Lord Mayor was the coming Mayor's father, and it will be remembered that he paid an official visit to the Lord Mayor of Dublin during his year of office. The Knill family are of Belgian extraction, but two or three generations of them have been merchants in the city. The present Sir John Knill is held in wide respect, and he and Lady Knill are very active in Catholic charitable, educational and philanthropic work in London.

## FAMOUS YEW TREE

**Has Shaded Muckross Abbey Almost Six Hundred Years.**

William E. Curtis, the American journalist now touring Ireland, writes thus of Ireland's famous ruin, Muckross Abbey:

"The windows of Muckross Abbey are the most perfect of any ruin in Ireland, and the moldings of several of the doorways are in fine state of preservation, so that the carrying can be carefully studied. There is a cloister thirty-three feet square, enclosed by a vaulted corridor seven feet wide and lighted by twenty-two arched windows, which is as good as if it were built yesterday. And in the center of the quadrangle is a venerable yew tree, said to be the largest in the world, having been planted by the monks at the foundation of the abbey in 1340. It was usual, so I am told, for Franciscan monks to plant yew trees in the courtyards of their monasteries, and they are found frequently in ruins. The trunk of the tree is smooth and straight to a height of twenty feet, and is about twelve feet in circumference at the base. The branches spread over the enclosing walls like an umbrella and darken the entire quadrangle, which never had any other roof.

"Several legends are woven around this majestic tree which, in the eyes and hearts of the people of Killybeg, is an object of great veneration. If anyone should injure it, even by breaking off a twig, he would excite popular indignation. They believe that such sacrilege will be punished by the death of the guilty person within a year, and it is a remarkable coincidence that such things have occurred several times.

"The kitchen, the refectory, the charnhouse and several other apartments are in an excellent state of preservation and are well cared for, but the cells of the dormitory have almost disappeared. The tower stands as it was 500 years ago, but is an empty shell, having no roof, flooring or staircase, and visitors are prohibited from climbing the walls."

## GOOD DEBATERS

**Will Discuss Y. M. I. Age Limit Proposition at Mackin.**

For the first time in months President Robert T. Burke was absent from a meeting of Mackin Council Tuesday night, and Vice President Frank Lananah presided in his stead. Mr. Lananah wielded the gavel as if he had been used to it all his life, and after the meeting the members congratulated him on his dignified bearing as a presiding officer.

R. W. Galway, who was injured by a horse last week, David Hummel and Virgil Bohm were reported on the floor of the Mackin Council on Monday night. It was announced that Mackin Council would initiate a class of fifty next Wednesday night. This will not interfere with the Tuesday night's meeting. Attention was also called to the fact that Mackin's Social Club would open its dance series on Monday night.

It was decided to hold a debate on William H. Gallagher's proposition to make thirty-five years the age limit on the night of October 20. James T. Shelly and Ben J. Sand will take the affirmative side, while Charles S. Bailey and William Kerberg will espouse the cause of the negative proposition.

## CALLED AWAY.

**Popular Hibernian Is a Victim of Sudden Death.**

Joseph Taylor, for many years an active worker in local Hibernian circles, died suddenly while seated at the dinner table at Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital last Sunday. Mr. Taylor had been in ill health for several months, but yet did not go to the hospital until two weeks before his death.

The deceased was born at Hazlewood, Minn., about fifty years ago, and came to Louisville when quite a young man. Until his final illness he had been a faithful employee of the Byrne & Speed Coal Company. Mr. Taylor was popular with his acquaintances, and in the days of his health and strength he gave largely to charity. The remains were sent to St. Paul, Minn., for interment. A brother and several other relatives of the deceased reside in that city.

## IRISH FIRST TEACHERS.

Prof. J. M. Greenwood, Superintendent of Kansas City public schools, paid a just tribute to the "ignorant" Irish the other day, when he said: "The first school teachers in Missouri were Irishmen. Back in 1798 when the English suppressed the rebellion and after Robert Emmet had been hanged many of the intelligent young men of Ireland fled to the United States. Seeking to avoid extradition, they came into the interior, which at that time was almost a wilderness. Some of them became school masters in Missouri and were this State's first teachers."

## FALSEHOOD

**Says Archbishop Ireland on the Latest Modernistic Yarn.**

**Daily Papers Hurry to Print Sensations But Truth Is Slow.**

**Cardinal Gibbons En Route Home Had No Chance to Talk.**

## GIVE IT NO CREDENCE AT ALL

The motto of the daily press seems to be: "Publish the sensation today, the news tomorrow or whenever the sensation dies out."

Last week the daily papers of the United States were full of a sensation. The Papal Secretary of State, was about to resign, and that his prospective resignation was being brought about as the result of his differences of opinion from Cardinal Yannuttelli, the special Apostolic Delegate to the London Eucharistic Congress, and Cardinal Gibbons and other American and English prelates relative to the Vatican's strictures on "Modernism." Cardinal Gibbons was on the high seas en route home when the sensational story was given out. As a consequence he had no opportunity to reply. But Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, said in response to an interview from the daily press last Saturday:

"The story is a falsehood made out of whole cloth. The Avanti is the chief representative of the 'yellow press' of Italy; it is an avowed enemy of the Vatican; invented stories, deliberate falsehoods are their stock in trade, worn facts, or even appearances of facts, are wanting. There is no truth whatsoever in the saying that Cardinal Merry del Val is about to resign the Papal Secretaryship of State. The Cardinal is the trusted friend of Pius X., whom he has served joyfully and whom he is sure to continue to serve for many years to come.

"As to the statement that English and American prelates sent to the Pope complaints against the Cardinal because of his war on modernism, nothing could be more viciously false. No prelate of England or of America has been guilty of such a discourteous act toward the Cardinal, which in reality would be an act against the Pope himself.

"The war against religious modernism is the Pope's own war, as it is the war of every good Catholic—indeed, of every sincere Christian. Modernism is, in its arguments and tendencies, the denial of the supernatural in the Christian religion; the elimination of the divine element in the Christian revelation, in the Scriptures and in the Church. A strange accusation to bring up against the Cardinal Secretary of State—that he wars too strongly against modernism; as to the assertion that I personally wrote in protest against the Cardinal, it is an absolute falsehood, the vilest of the vile.

"I am sure no friend of mine, no serious-minded man, gives credence to the assertion the least bit of credence. The whole report as now going the rounds of the press reads as a huge joke. I should not have taken notice of it were it not that its ostensible repetition may perchance, in some way, lead the unwary and the unthinking reader into the belief that there is a particle, even the smallest, of ground work to it."

## LARGEST BAROMETER.

Father Alfani, the director of the Meteorological Observatory of Florence, has constructed the largest barometer in the world. The instrument is nearly fifteen meters high and its glass tube has a diameter of over twenty centimeters. Father Alfani intended originally to use water instead of mercury in this barometer, but he discovered that it could not rise higher than ten meters, consequently he decided to use olive oil instead of water. To his great surprise, however, he found out that oil contained a greater quantity of air than water, and he experienced the greatest difficulty in removing it. When this was accomplished and the fluid was placed in the glass tube the instrument was found to register the atmospheric pressure of the atmosphere with perfection. The barometer is now exposed in Faenza, where the centenary of Evangelista Torricelli is being celebrated.

## MISSIONARY CONGRESS.

The Catholic Missionary Congress of the United States and Canada will convene in Chicago on Sunday, November 15. It promises to be the greatest demonstration of Catholics in one city in two decades. It is expected that no less than sixty archbishops, Bishops and mitred Abbots will be present at the celebration.

## JEWS FOR HOME RULE.

The Hebrews resident in Dublin and vicinity held a mass meeting in that city and passed a resolution pledging support to the Irish party in Parliament for all measures which will secure for the people of Ireland self-government and foster Irish industries.